## Consumer Alert!

It has come to the Department's attention that a website, www.e-zloansfinancial.com, is operating a scam where loans are offered to anyone who will pay certain "fees" in advance. This company is NOT licensed in Alabama. In fact, the company's address listed in Anniston, Alabama is actually a vacant lot. This company promises to loan money to anyone but requires an advanced "insurance" fee to be wired to a location outside of the United States and asks applicants to provide personal bank account information before they will pay out the proceeds of the loan. The loan is never made and the consumer loses their money. The individuals running this website are most likely engaged in Identity Theft as they collect personal information from their "borrowers". Although this fraudulent website has been shut-down, this same type of "advanced fee" scam will most likely show up again under a different name and at a different website. A legitimate licensed lender will NEVER ask for advanced fees to be wired out of the country in order to qualify for a loan. Please contact this Department if you have any questions.